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**Partial Closure of the Kodiak District Eastside Section
to Commercial Tanner Crab Fishing**

Emergency Order # 4-S-07-13

Waters in the Eastside Section of the Kodiak District inside a line extending from Cape Barnabas (57° 09.07' N lat, 152° 52.20' W long) to Right Cape (57° 15.95' N lat, 152° 49.10' W long) will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 25, 2013. Inseason reports indicate harvest in this area will approach survey estimates of allowable Tanner crab surplus.

All pots in the closed area must be open and unbaited at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in waters greater than 25 fathoms in depth for 72 hours after the closure. After 72 hours, all pots must be removed from the water or placed in waters 25 fathoms in depth or less.

All other waters of the Eastside Section will remain open to commercial Tanner crab fishing until further notice. Vessels operators are not required to deliver crab harvested from the closed area unless changing section registration.

For further details, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kodiak (907) 486-1840.

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